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1. THORD PALLUND, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF BILATERAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR PORTUGUESE AID QUESTIONS, INFORMED EMBASSY COUNSELOR THAT GOS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FOCUS ON PORTUGAL AID MATTER SINCE PARIS MEETING. HE SAID "THE BASIC ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE," AND, "WE ARE LOOKING AT VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES." PALMLUND THOUGHT THAT

## CONCLUSIONS WOULD BE ARRIVED AT IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

- 2. AMBASSADOR KNUT THYBERG, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBASSY COUNSELOR ON MAY 25 THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED WITH PORTUGAL'S NEEDS AND WANTED TO BE RESPONSIVE. HE RECALLED SWEDISH EARLY ASSISTANCE TO THE NEWLY EMERGING DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PORTUGAL. HE ALSO INDICATED CLEARLY THAT SWEDISH REACTION IS CENTERED IN PALMLUND'S HANDS.
- 3. GENERAL ATMOSPHERE HERE NOT VERY CONDUCIVE FOR A NEW DEMAND ON SWEDISH RESOURCES. GOVERNMENT FACES HARD DEBATES IN RKSDAG WEEK OF JUNE 1. CONSERVATIVE CRITICS BEING HEARD THAT SWEDEN'S BORROWING ABROAD TO FINANCE, INTER ALIA, ITS GENEROUS FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS IS A LUXURY. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE GOS ESSENTIALLY SYMPATHETIC AND WILL TRY HARD TO COME UP WITH SIGNIFICANT HELP FOR PORTUGAL.

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